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For: A WAFER PROCESSING APPARATUS

HAVING A CHAMBER WITH AN UPPER WALL HAVING GAS SUPPLY OPENINGS FORMED THEREIN WHICH PROMOTE MORE EVEN PROCESSING OF A WAFER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claims are pending in the Patent Application:

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21. (New) A wafer processing apparatus comprising:

a processing chamber defined by a lower wall, an upper wall and side walls extending from the lower wall to the upper wall, a wafer supply opening being formed in one of the walls for transferring a wafer into the chamber;

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